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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed November 7, 2001, Applicants hereby elect the invention designated I, claims 1-18 and 32-35, with traverse. The traverse is on the grounds that Applicants do not wish to be bound by the Examiner's reasoning in requiring restriction.

Prompt examination is requested. Any questions concerning this application can be directed to the attention of the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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